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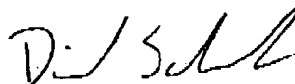
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Dear Examiner Quan:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, attached are a set of marked-up claims, and a set of clean claims for the above referenced patent application. In our discussion last week you had indicated claims 2-6 were allowable. Claim 31 is claim 3, redrafted into independent form. Claims 32-42 are claims 2, 4-8 and 11-15 made dependent on claim 3. These claims have been examined and found to be allowable. Thank you for your helpfulness in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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